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Applicant : Xie et al.
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Title : FIBER OPTICAL PIGTAIL GEOMETRY FOR IMPROVED EXTINCTION
RATIO OF POLARIZATION MAINTAINING FIBERS

Art Unit : 2874
Examiner : Wood, Kevin S.

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED NOVEMBER 4, 2002

Introductory Comments

In response to the action mailed November 4, 2002, please amend the application as follows. This response conforms to the PTO's Pre-OG Notice of January 31, 2003, "Amendments in Revised Format Now Permitted."

We note that the Examiner did not initial the Information Disclosure Form-1449 mailed on May 8, 2002. We request that the Examiner initial and return the 1449 to us. Another copy is attached for your convenience.

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